

Nutrient Management Plan Incentive Grants Program

Agency/Organization: Agency of Agriculture

Program: Nutrient Management Plan Incentive Grants Program (NMPIG)

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Program provides payment for developing a nutrient management plan (NMP) and three additional years of updating the plan. Nutrient management is a component of integrated crop management, an important tool used to protect water quality and improve the financial viability of agriculture. NMPs are required of: Large Farm Operations; Medium Farm Operations; and farms receiving assistance through Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs. The Land Treatment Planning (LTP) program can assist in developing an NMP and is a free service of your Conservation District.

Assistance Type: Financial, Technical

Financial Assistance: The initial payment to develop the NMP is \$9 per acre plus the cost of soil and waste testing at \$15 and \$35 each, respectively. \$2,000 per year (a flat payment) is available for an additional two years. The third and final update payment is limited to \$1,000. In total, \$5,000 is available for the three years of updates. The maximum payment for NMP development and 3 years of updates is \$14,000.

ELIGIBILITY

Landscape Type: Agriculture

Resource Type: Water Quality, Soil Conservation

Criteria: NMPs are required of: Large Farm Operations (LFOs-greater than 700 mature dairy cows); Medium Farm Operations (MFOs-200-699 mature dairy cows); and farms receiving assistance through Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) programs. Lands must be actively farmed. Plans must meet state requirements for nutrient management, as explained in detail in the General Permit for Medium Farm Operations, before receiving payment.